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For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD AND
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006, for which a response was due on June 22, 2006, and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from June 22, 2006, to September 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

There are no amendments to the specification or the drawings.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.